

## MARK CHAPTERS 5-9

- I. **Chapter 5** The miracles continue: Four foes defeated devils, disease, death and doubt!
  - A. Mark 4:35-5:34 Jesus unveils in his ministry of mercy the divine power He possesses as the Son of God to support the gospel he is preaching
  - B. Mark 4:35-41 Jesus calms the storm to save his disciples. He then rebukes them for their weakness of faith in him. In this miracle he shows his divine power over nature
  - C. Mark 5:1-20 Jesus casts out the demons from Legion to release him from their evil tyranny. He then instructs Legion to proclaim to his townspeople what great things God had mercifully done for him. In this miracle he shows his divine power over his demonic enemies, who can do nothing without his prior approval

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- D. Mark 5:21-24 & 35-43 Jesus raises Jairus' daughter in the presence of his three closest disciples. In this miracle He shows his divine power over death and to give life
- E. Mark 5:25-34 Jesus heals a woman of her long term hemorrhage, showing his divine power over illness, and commends her for her faith in him that gives her his divine peace
- II. **Chapter 6** Jesus visits home, sends the twelve out to preach, he feeds 5,000, and comes walking on the water
  - A. Mark 6:1-6a Jesus brings his ministry of teaching and mercy to his home town of Nazareth. His townspeople are offended by his teachings and miracles, and refuse to believe in him: Overfamiliarity breeds contempt

- B. Mark 6:6b-8:30 Jesus embarks upon his retirement journeys into the regions outside of Galilee at the close of the second year and the beginning of the third year of his ministry
- C. Mark 6:6b-13 Jesus sends out his twelve apostles to conduct his ministry of teaching and mercy that he entrusts to them
- D. Mark 6:14-29 The people are divided over who Jesus is. King Herod thinks Jesus is John the Baptist who has been resurrected from the dead, whom Herod had earlier beheaded
- E. Mark 6:30-44 After the apostles return from their missionary journey, Jesus retires to a lonely place to be with them. A multitude gathers to him. There Jesus feeds the five thousand, displaying his divine mercy and power that provides the necessities of life for the people
- F. Mark 6:45-52 Jesus retires to Bethsaida with his disciples. He walks on the water and calms the wind, again showing his divine power over nature
- G. Mark 6:53-56 Jesus retires to Gennesaret, where he conducts his ministry of mercy to serve the people

## III. Chapter 7 Hypocrites & Healing

- A. Mark 7:1-23 When the Pharisees and teachers of the law criticize Jesus for not teaching his disciples to obey the traditions of the rabbis, Jesus rebukes them for their hypocritical teachings that set aside the commandments of God. Jesus teaches the multitude that what defiles a person is not external things he consumes, but the sins that proceed from his own evil heart
- B. Mark 7:24-30 Jesus retires to the city of Tyre in Syria, where he extends his ministry of mercy to a Gentile woman of Syrophoencia and her daughter
- C. Mark 7:31-37 Jesus retires through Sidon in Syria to the region of the Decapolis. There he mercifully opens the ears and the mouth of a deaf mute to the astonishment of the people

## IV. **Chapter 8** Feeding 4,000, "Thou art the Christ", Ministry in Galilee closes

A. Mark 8:1-10 — Jesus retires to a lonely place where a great multitude comes to him. Jesus has mercy on the hungry people and serves them by miraculously feeding the four thousand. He then retires to the district of Dalmanutha,

- B. Mark 8:11-13 When the Pharisees demand a miraculous sign to test him, Jesus tells them that he will give them no sign to attest to his identity and authority
- C. Mark 8:14-21 Jesus warns his disciples about the leaven, the false teachings, of the unbelieving Pharisees
- D. Mark 8:22-26 Jesus again retires to Bethsaida, where he mercifully serves a blind man by restoring his sight
- E. Mark 8:27-30 Jesus retires with his disciples to Caesarea Philippi. There Peter, in behalf of the group of disciples, confesses Jesus to be the Christ, who was promised by God in the Old Testament Scriptures
- F. Mark 8:31-32— Jesus announces his forthcoming suffering and death on the cross and his resurrection from the dead

## V. Chapter 9 Jesus was transfigured, A Servant and serving one another

- A. 9:1 When Peter rebukes him for going to the cross, Jesus rebukes Peter and instructs his disciples that to be his disciples they also must deny themselves to carry the cross assigned to them in connection with confessing him and his gospel
- B. Mark 9:2-8 Jesus allows his three closest disciples to see his divine glory, which he had been keeping hidden. They see the glory into which he will enter through his suffering. They also hear God the Father's command to listen to Jesus, who is his beloved Son
- C. Mark 9:9-13 His three closest disciples do not understand what Jesus' rising from the dead meant and ask about Elijah's coming first. Jesus explains that Elijah, John the Baptist, had come. Jesus himself would suffer as John the Baptist before him had suffered
- D. Mark 9:14-29 Down from the Mount of Transfiguration, Jesus mercifully casts out a demon from a boy, whom his disciples could not help
- E. **Mark 9:30-32** Jesus proceeds through Galilee, teaching his disciples along the way about his coming suffering, death, and resurrection, which they still did not understand
- F. Mark 9:33-37 Jesus teaches his disciples that the greatest among them must be the servant of all the others, a role which Jesus had been modeling for them

G. Mark 9:38-50 — Jesus corrects the disciples' misconception of their exclusivity in serving him. Everyone who serves as his servant will be rewarded. His disciples should not cause others to stumble in their faith and should eliminate whatever would cause themselves to stumble. They are to have salt in themselves and be at peace with one another



